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Navy Admiral Kurt Tidd, U.S Southern Command commander, Joint Task Force Public Affairs visits during his visit to Joint Task Force Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, April 29.

## DUMPSTER DIVING 101

Dumpster diving is performed randomly at the Joint Task Force to see what information people might have let slip through and thrown away. Personal information is most commonly tossed out in the form of unwanted mail or envelopes with addresses, along with tidbits of work information. Schedules, calendar events and phone numbers jotted down on sticky-notes are also easy to forget. We have a 100% shred policy that needs to be followed for everyone's protection. Don't let a simple thing like trash get you in hot water, use operation security and shred all paper!

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# WHAT KIND OF LEADER ARE YOU?



Ask yourself, "What kind of leader am I?" If you're not sure, let me offer this: To build credibility and trust with your troops and to make tough decisions at any rank, identify what leadership attributes you admire and incorporate them into your personal values. When considering what kind of leader I wanted to be, I drew my inspiration from two places: The leadership qualities I admired in my father and the values instilled in me by the university I attended.

At a very young age I knew I wanted to be a commissioned officer in the United States military. I loved space exploration and first considered joining the Air Force. My father, a former Army officer, fully supported my aspirations. As I grew up, he taught me many important lessons in leadership. The most valuable ones did not come from his lectures, but rather his actions. In every facet of his

life, he demonstrated what it was to be a servant leader. He selflessly placed his subordinates ahead of himself and made difficult decisions to better his organization. I had the privilege of not only observing my father as a military officer, but also as a manager in a civilian capacity. When I was in high school, I worked in an entry level position for a company in which he was the district manager. Not wanting to draw attention to myself, I purposely did not advertise my relation to him. Consistently, I heard fellow employees mention how much they respected him because even though he strictly enforced standards, he genuinely cared for his employees and never asked anyone to do something he was not willing to do himself. Hearing these off-hand remarks always stuck with me.

After declining acceptance to the U.S. Air Force Academy



I followed my father's footsteps and commissioned through the Army Reserve Officer Training Corp at Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio. I wanted to lead troops, and the Army was my choice. Xavier's intuiitonal philosophy is based heavily on a well-rounded education and service for others. Inspired by the musketeer mascot, Xavier's motto is "all for one." This theme was deeply ingrained in the curriculum and culture of the Xavier community. Every course I took reiterated this philosophy and contained an underlying theme focused on consistently improving something bigger than yourself.

Daily, as I strive to be a better leader, I reflect on my father's leadership attributes and Xavier's philosophy. Whenever I am confronted with a challenging decision, I search for the course of action that is in the best interest

of the mission, my unit and my subordinates. Having a solid foundation of leadership attributes and values helps me confidently make the tough decisions and lead my Soldiers in the right direction.

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# ADMIRAL TIDD VISITS GTMO TROOPERS



*Adm. Kurt Tidd, commander for U.S. Southern Command, visited Joint Task Force Guantanamo, Cuba, April 29. Tidd took time to visit with JTF Troopers during lunch.*

The U.S. Southern Command commander visited Joint Task Force Guantanamo and U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, April 29. Once on island, leadership here took U.S. Navy Adm. Kurt Tidd through a facility tour and to meet with service members.

After Tidd visited the JTF GTMO facilities and personnel, he sat down with different JTF Troopers and asked about their lives back home and what they were looking forward to when they returned. He spoke about the Trooper's mission here, and commended them on all the hard work and dedication that they put into achieving their mission.

"I think it's great that every time he comes here, he goes out of his way to make sure he meets with the troopers," said U.S. Navy Capt. William S. Fedor, director for the JTF GTMO Commissions Liaison Office. "It's important for them to be recognized for the job that they are doing here. We've got a group of Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen, and Coast Guardsmen who are doing a fantastic job with the mission they have been given."

Many of the Troopers said it was an honor to be able to meet the admiral. They enjoyed speaking to him throughout lunch and several were surprised that he was so friendly and down-to-earth.

After lunch, Tidd continued the facilities tour here. He visited with the Base Engineer Emergency Force, and the Commissions Liaison Office, who led Tidd through a tour of Camp Justice and the living conditions. Tidd was briefed on the many changes and



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improvements that have taken place and are in-progress throughout Camp Justice.

The tour of Camp Justice was to show case all of the work that get put into preparing for and executing commissions, said Fedor. Providing support to the Office of Military Commissions is one of the key roles of the JTF. From the members of the CLO, the BEEF, and the Army MP Companies providing internal and external security and the US Coast Guard Maritime Security Detachment who provide the security offshore; more than a hundred members of the JTF support the Commissions process.

"I thought it went very well, I thought it gave him a great opportunity to gain an understanding of the living condition of the camp, the facility and the capabilities that the JTF, OMC bring in order to execute the commissions process," said Fedor.

Although his visit was brief, Tidd was able to view a large portion of the JTF. He thanked everyone as he parted ways.

A second generation surface warfare officer, Tidd commissioned from United States Naval Academy in 1978. With 38 years of service in the Navy, Tidd took command of U.S. Southern Command, Jan. 14, 2016.

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# CRAFTY BUNCH MEETS AT FERRY LANDING

Here, on U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, the Morale, Welfare & Recreation team offered a variety of ways to make arts and crafts, from ceramics to wood working, for Joint Task Force Guantanamo Troopers and U.S. Naval Station service members. What better way to show off your hard work than hosting a craft fair?

With that being said, the only place to be Saturday afternoon was Ferry Landing for the annual Day at the Bay Craft Fair. Troopers, family members, students and civilians had booths set up with all types of arts and crafts for sale.

Vendors consisted of JTF GTMO Troopers, Navy and Coast Guard service members, as well as civilians. There were smiles all around from all that were in attendance.

"I really enjoyed the atmosphere here today, it feels like being at an event back home," said a Joint Task Force Trooper with the 525th Military Police Detention Group. "It's really cool to be able to enjoy a day off and hang out and enjoy an event like this."

There was also a tent set up with games for the children, as well as a cardboard boat race and water events in which the whole family could participate. With most of the people on base expected to visit throughout the day, there was something for everyone to enjoy.

"The craft fair is held every other month and is an opportunity for crafters on base to sell or show their crafts to the base residents," said Kevin Harris, the arts and crafts manager for MWR.



One of the many vendors here at the Day at the Bay craft fair explains what it is they have made and the stories behind their craft. The craft fair was held April 30, 2016 at Ferry Landing on U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

"For the base residents, it is an opportunity to find souvenirs or gifts for their friends and families."

This month's Craft Fair was held at the Day

at the Bay in support of the Child Youth Program and in celebration of the Month of Military Child, explained Harris.

When the craft fair first began it started with only a few booths, but has grown into over 40 booths ranging from handmade sea glass jewelry, pottery and ceramics, made here at the MWR arts and crafts building, to photos taken here on island, as well as some beautiful paintings created here by fellow Troopers and civilians.

There was also an assortment of great

food for sale ranging from delicious baked goods, to foods from different nations, like the Philippines and Jamaica, as well as some good ol' southern soul food.

If you are keeping an eye out for that unique gift for a family member, loved one, a friend or even yourself, the craft fair was the place to go. If you missed out on this awesome event, you can still shop for some of these crafts online at the GTMO Trader Facebook website.

"The trick to good crafting is finding something unique that's specific to Guantanamo Bay and appeals to service members; they usually want to send gifts to family members," said Julie, a vendor selling hand-made jewelry. "I encourage people to take the time to attend the next craft show -- you will not be disappointed!"

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One of the many vendors here at the Day at the Bay craft fair explains what it is they have made and the stories behind their craft. The Morale, Welfare & Recreation team hosted the craft fair, April 30, at Ferry Landing on U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.



# ARE YOU UP TO PAR TO BE A UPAR?

A picture is worth 1,000 words and 1,000 more memories, said a Trooper assigned to the 744th Military Police Battalion, Joint Task Force Guantanamo. Telling the story of Troopers assigned to JTF GTMO is a vital function in keeping up with modern-day society's instant news. A unit public affairs representative's job is to deliver accurate information through photos and stories.

As U.S. Army Sgt. Jennifer Palmer carries out her day-to-day duties, she also takes on the responsibility of a UPAR. She became a UPAR in the U.S. at her reserve unit and enjoys being able to take pictures at different events, she said.

"It's gotten me out to see things I probably wouldn't have been able to see or participate in," Palmer said. "It's also great to see the events other people are taking part in."

A UPAR is an individual who takes on the role of a public affairs representative when there is no public affairs support available. The UPAR takes photos of operations, exercises, award ceremonies, promotions and other unit events, said Army Staff Sgt. Jess Williams, a photojournalist assigned to JTF-GTMO Public Affairs.

The public affairs office helps to facilitate and assist UPARs with equipment. Additionally, the staff trains them on operational security standard operating procedures, and gives them different tips on shooting eye-catching photos, said Williams.

"Capturing a great picture takes planning and patience; waiting for the right moment – the right light," Williams said. "You have to capture your subject in a way that impacts your viewer. That's how you capture the perfect picture."

Army Sgt. Robert Pant, an MP and UPAR with the 525th MP Bn., JTF-GTMO, deployed to Afghanistan in 2012 as a personal security detail for the command sergeant major of his unit, and took on the role of the UPAR. He grabbed his rifle, assault pack and camera before heading out on a mission, he said.

As a UPAR, telling the story of the Troopers and sending it back home to their families is the most important part of the job, especially on JTF GTMO, Pant said. He takes photos of the Troopers in his unit participating in extracurricular activities such as ruck marches, 5Ks, sporting events and other functions. He also puts together a news bulletin and sends it to the family readiness group in his



Army Sgt. 1st Class Jeffery Walling, the Plans and Resources non-commissioned officer in charge of the J6 office on Joint Task Force Guantanamo, takes photos of Troopers conducting group physical fitness training.

home state.

"For a lot of family members, what they know about GTMO is what they see on the news," Pant said. "There are so many operational security considerations that shroud Guantanamo Bay, but it's more than just that. We're a small town."

If all JTF units had a public affairs representative, more photo and story coverage of Trooper activities could be sent said Pant. Being a UPAR is a fun responsibility to have, and more Troopers should try to take on the responsibility, Pant said.

"You never know what you've got until you do it," Pant said. "You meet so many fascinating people from all different branches, MOSs (Military Occupation Specialties) and you learn so much about people."

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Army Sgt. 1st Class Jeffery Walling takes photos of a Trooper at the Camp America sign on Joint Task Force Guantanamo, so the Trooper can send a photo home to her family.



## JSMART SPOT

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## SELF-CARE IS A PRIORITY



It is about that time again for the Joint Stress Mitigation and Restoration Team's Self-Care day. On the Second Saturday of each month JSMART is open from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. for massage chairs, therapy dogs, and some refreshments. Although no clinical services are offered during Self-Care Saturday, it is a time to unwind and care for yourself. Self-care is an important preventative measure for everyone, but we often are so busy taking care of the mission and others that we forget to take

actualization, esteem, love/belonging, safety, and physiological. Regular self-care helps us take care of our basic needs.

Self-care includes taking time out of the day for yourself. Meditating, practicing deep breathing, or exercising is a great way to practice self-care. Self-care does not have to be a grandiose event. It can be as simple as spending time in leisure activities with friends and family, going for a swim, going for a hike, taking a hot bath, getting a massage, sitting

care of ourselves.

What exactly is self-care? It is more than just feeding and clothing yourself. It is intentional actions you take to care for your physical, mental, and emotional well-being. Everyone has basic needs such as those in Maslow's Pyramid. Those needs are self-

in the sauna, or watching a favorite movie.

At times, practicing good self-care might mean putting yourself before others. This is not selfish. Refilling your own cup so that you can pour into others' is essential. In other words, have you ever wondered why the flight attendant giving the safety brief on an airplane tells you to put your own oxygen mask on before helping others to put theirs on? This seems counterintuitive to military members because we want to help people first. But the truth is, if you can't breathe then there's no way you can help others to breathe. This is the epitome of self-care.

Please take time for yourself and join us for our next Self-Care Saturday, May 14 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Or just stop by if you have any questions about self-care and how to participate in self-care regularly.

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## HEALTH

## MEET YOUR PROVIDER



The Joint Troop Clinic would like to introduce 1st Lt. Alysnn Ludwig, a physician's assistant here. Ludwig has been a member of the U.S. Army for approximately three years. Ludwig gained her Master of Physician Assistant Studies in 2012 from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Services and completed a direct commission shortly after.

As a PA, Ludwig's duties include obtaining patient histories, performing physical examinations, diagnosing illness and developing treatment strategies, ordering and interpreting lab tests, counseling patients on preventative health, performing various medical procedures, assisting in surgical operations and in most states, writing prescriptions.

In order for a PA to gain certification, three years of post-graduate schooling is necessary, that often requires the same

prerequisite courses as medical schools. Students must then complete a minimum of 2,000 clinical rotation hours in areas such as family and internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, general surgery and emergency medicine. A PA must also complete a minimum of 100 hours of continuing medical education every two years in order to keep their certification.

To make an appointment at the JTC, call 3395. Working hours are Monday to Wednesday and Friday from 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Thursday from 7 a.m. – 1 p.m. with Sick call hours from 7 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Monday through Friday.

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# A DAY AT





# THE BAY

*The fastest boat in the cardboard regatta races toward the finish line during the US Naval Base Guantanamo Bay Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Day at the Bay.*



In the bright and beautiful weather of U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Joint Task Force Guantanamo Troopers, Naval Station service members and civilians gathered to celebrate the annual Day at the Bay celebration, April 30, the culminating event organized for the Month of the Military Child.

"It's a great event, good for morale, good for the community," said Brent Snelson, a JTF Trooper. "It's exciting, and it brings people together."

The event was filled with food vendors, a craft fair, a cardboard boat regatta and a wipe out event for child abuse.

"The goal is that people have fun, and to celebrate the Month of the Military Child," said Vickie West, the Morale, Welfare & Recreation Youth Sport Coordinator. "I think there is a little military child in all of us."

The Regatta Boat Race was a fun event for everyone involved, said Katie Prestesater, the MWR Outdoor Recreation Director. They had a surprising turn out. During the week, they only had eight boats register for the event, but 12 showed up to compete.

"The boat race was really great," said Robert Luder, a JTF Trooper. "They didn't even think our boat was going to make it to the buoy. We tried to do the Titanic moment at the end, but it didn't work as well as we wanted it to."

Participants were required to make the boat out of only cardboard and duct tape, said Prestesater, and compete in three categories: the fastest boat to complete the course, the most creative and the most Titanic like sink.

After the completion of the boat race, the Junior Enlisted Association set up a "Pie in the Face" event to raise funds of the upcoming Navy Ball. With the help



of an ambulance loud speaker, they started off bidding at \$5 to pie a Navy chief in the face. The bidding got a little heated as different chiefs from their respective sections came up for bids.

"I think it's great, I think it's a lot of fun," said Veronica Wruble, the sexual assault response coordinator for NSGB. "It's nice to see the community out and about supporting such a great event. I know Ms. Vickie West is behind most of it, and I think she always does a phenomenal job getting volunteers and getting everything together at as little cost as possible."

This was a great volunteer opportunity, said Prestesater. A lot of the volunteers who showed up for the event were JTF Troopers and they were a great help.

The Wipe Out Child Abuse event rounded out the closure of the Day at the Bay. A large water obstacle course was set up in the bay, where many attendees played for the majority of the afternoon. Although there was no clear winner, the event certainly flourished.

After dining on the multiple food vendors, and competing in the multitudes of events, the event wrapped up as a storm was blowing in, bringing an end to a fun and laughter filled Day at the Bay.

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Chief Warrant Officer Anthony Slowik and Machinery Technician First Class Nicholas Markle make their way toward the finish line on the Wipe Out Child Abuse event inflatables at Ferry Landing during the Day at the Bay.



Participants in the youth division of the cardboard regatta celebrate the sinking of their boat during an attempt to race at the Morale, Welfare & Recreation's Day at the Bay on U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.



Chief Petty Officer Jayson Lazaro, director of surgical services at U.S. Naval Hospital Guantanamo Bay, helps the Junior Enlisted Association raise funds for the upcoming Navy Ball during Day at the Bay.

The first participants in the cardboard regatta paddle down the home stretch of the race course at the U.S. Naval Base Guantanamo Bay Morale, Welfare & Recreation's Day at the Bay.





## “IT’S A GREAT EVENT, GOOD FOR MORALE, GOOD FOR THE COMMUNITY”

- BRENT SNELSON, JTF TROOPER



Boatswains Mate First Class Robert Luder (front) and Boatswains Mate Second Class Brent Snelson assigned to the Coast Guard scuttle their vessel in an attempt to win the prize for the most Titanic sinking during U.S. Naval Base Guantanamo Bay Morale, Welfare & Recreation's Day at the Bay.



Mr. Shawn Johnson and a W.T. Sampson High School student end their voyage near the midpoint of the race during the cardboard regatta at the US Naval Base Guantanamo Bay Morale, Welfare & Recreation's Day at the Bay.



Chief Warrant Officer Anthony Slowik and Machinery Technician 1st Class Nicholas Markle begin their journey on the Wipe Out Child Abuse event inflatables at Ferry Landing during the Day at the Bay.



# MWR

## 2016 SPORTS SCHEDULE

Starting dates are subject to change. All leagues last 2-3 months, including playoffs.

### MONTH / DAY ACTIVITY

<b>May 7</b>	Color Run
May 9	Indoor Volleyball League
May 14	Adult 500 Yard Swim
May 14-15	GTMO Golf Open
May 20-21	Captain's Cup Events
<b>June 4</b>	Max Performance Games
June 11	JPJ 5 Miler
June 18	Youth Summer Splash
June 25	Power Lifting Meet
June 27	Soccer League starts
<b>July 2</b>	Softball Tournament
July 2	Ridgeline Trail Run
July 4	Golf Tournament
July 11	Basketball League starts
July 16	Cable Beach Run
July 23	Adult Swim Sprint 300 Yard
July 25	Badminton League starts
<b>August 6</b>	Duathlon
August 8	Beach Volleyball League
August 13	Paddle, Pedal, Paintball
August 20	Back to School Splash
August 20	Fitness & Figure
August 22	Ultimate Frisbee League
August 27	All-Night Softball Trnmnt.
<b>September 3</b>	Sprint Triathlon
September 5	Golf Tournament
September 6	Co-Ed Softball League
September 11	9/11 Memorial Run
September 13	Flag Football League starts
September 17	Adult 100 Yard Swim Meet
<b>October 22</b>	Glow Run
October 29	Zombie Run
<b>November 5</b>	Olympic Triathlon
November 19	Max Performance Games
November 24	Thanksgiving Half & 5K
November 26	Across the Bay Swim
<b>December 3</b>	Power Lifting Competition
December 9	Army vs. Navy Game
December 23	Jingle Bell Fun Run
December 24	Holiday Basketball Trnmnt.

For questions contact the G.J. Denich Gym at x77262.



## SOFTBALL IS UNDERWAY AT GTMO



A Trooper on the Trap Lordz softball team hits a ball up the third base line during a game against BEEF, April 28, on the Multi-Purpose Field on U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Trap Lordz defeated BEEF 17-2.

"Softball is what I look forward to the most while being here," said Tyler Uteg, pitcher for the Trap Lordz.

The Trap Lordz and BEEF assembled on the Multi-Purpose Field at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, April 28, for the Morale, Welfare & Recreation Softball League game. The Trap Lordz defeated BEEF, 17-2. Joint Task Force Guantanamo and U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay players participate on both teams.

The Trap Lordz wasted no time in taking the lead during the first inning of the game, with Uteg up to bat and hitting the ball out of the park.

BEEF tried to hold on as Harold Williams, an outfielder for BEEF, caught two fly balls, but unfortunately the team was unable to score any runs in the first inning.

Phillip Moore, short stop for the Trap Lordz, brought his team home by hitting a homerun with two of his teammates on base, ending the second inning with a 7-0 lead over BEEF.

"Softball is the best thing we do for our team building," said Moore. "We work really well together, hit well and work fast pace."

By the third inning, BEEF players started communicating better with one another. Williams stepped up to bat; the pitch was thrown, and Williams swung, knocking the ball to the fence. Rounding third base and heading for home plate, Williams rushed against the quick throw of the Trap Lordz, scoring the first point of the game for BEEF. Anthony Richard, outfielder for BEEF, followed suit scoring the second run for his

team in the inning.

Though BEEF came together in the third inning, they were unable to stop their opponent in the fourth inning and couldn't score against the Trap Lordz defense when up to bat.

Practice paid off for the Trap Lordz and was evident in the game, when they won 17-2 against BEEF.

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A Trooper on the BEEF softball team hones in on his first big hit of the game on the Multi-Purpose Field at U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, April 28.



# ARTICLE 112 - MOVING UP THE RANKS

Cooper Field at U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba came alive, April 26, for Joint Task Force Guantanamo and U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay personnel as two teams warmed up for their upcoming Morale, Welfare & Recreation Flag Football game. Article 112 faced-off against Empire State; Article 112 won, 40-0.

"We had a big loss last week," said Aaron Thomas, quarterback for Article 112. "We lost by one point so our game plan today was come out on all cylinders and play as fast as we could."

The game was fast paced with Article 112 scoring a touchdown in under two minutes of the first half of the game. Though they scored, they missed the two point conversion, starting off the game with a 6-0 lead over Empire State.

Nicholas Sappleton, coach for Article 112, said conversions were the team's weakness, but they made up for missed conversions with speed and agility.

Barely four minutes into the game, Article 112 caught an interception from Empire State, but was called down at the 5-yard line for their first down. Once the ball was snapped, Thomas rushed the ball into the end zone, bringing the score to 12-0.

Empire State's defense was able to hold



Aaron Thomas, quarterback for Article 112, tries to escape his opponent but his flag is captured by Russell McGrath, a defensive player for Empire State, at the Morale, Welfare & Recreation flag football game, April 26.

back the strong Article 112 offense to keep them from scoring the extra point, leading to another missed conversion for Article 112.

"Our game strategy is to come together as a team," said Victor Defense, coach for Empire State. "We are working on a defensive strategy."

Article 112 continued to dominate into the second half of the game, ending in a 40-0 win over Empire State.

Sappleton credits Article 112's win to their well-built defense, since they are only able to practice two days a week with each players varied schedule. The defense was able to hold back Empire State's offense in several instances and intercepted Empire State's passes.

"Defense wins games and we have been doing a great job on defense," Sappleton said. "Obviously, that is where all of our points came from is defense."

Win or lose, both teams enjoyed the opportunity to take a break from their busy schedules and have a good time.

"We all have known each other a while," said Ivan Villanueva, safety for Empire State. "Win or lose, we have been training and working hard. This is more for us to spend time with each other and the game is just a precursor. We just enjoy our time together."

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Article 112 tries to out run their opponent, Empire State, to the goal line at the Morale, Welfare & Recreation Flag Football game, April 26, on Cooper Field.

## MWR KICKBALL

No.	Team Name	Standings
01	Flying Monkeys	13-1
02	Kicking Balls	11-3
03	Confusions	11-3
04	Ballsagna	10-4
05	Iguanamo	9-5
06	Cyclone Enforcers	9-6
07	BEEF	9-6
08	Blue Ballers	8-7
09	EWA	7-8
10	GTMO Latinos Plus	4-10
11	Ballz on Fuego	4-11
12	Ball Kickers	4-11
13	Mountain Maniacs	3-12

## MWR FOOTBALL

No.	Team Name	Standings
01	Confusions	5-0
02	Phoenix	4-0
03	Article 112	3-2
04	Free Band Gang	4-1
05	It Don't Matter	4-1
06	World Police	2-3
07	MWR Censored Us	1-3
08	Delta	2-2
09	El Chapo	2-2
10	Flagnastics	1-4
11	The Buckeyes	2-3
12	BEEF	0-5
13	Empire State	0-4

## MWR SOFTBALL

No.	Team Name	Standings
01	MisFits	5-0
02	Empire State	4-1
03	Trap Lordz	3-2
04	Screaming Guerillas	2-2
05	Unified Ballers	2-3
06	Gatekeepers	1-4
07	BEEF	0-5
08	Article 112	6-0
09	Blazing Saddles	4-2
10	Warning Track Power	4-2
11	GTMO SWAT	4-2
12	GTMO Bandits	3-3
13	Iguanamo	2-4
14	Cross Level	1-5
15	HHC 525 Spartans	0-6

## MWR ULTIMATE FRISBEE

No.	Team Name	Standings
01	Jusdisc League	8-1
02	Netflix & Chill	8-2
03	The Ice Men	6-4
04	Disclexia	4-5
05	Ridiscoulsously GL	2-8
06	Catch Em's	1-9





# IN THEATERS THIS WEEK



The Downtown Lyceum showtimes are shown in the top row and the Camp Bulkeley Lyceum showtimes are displayed in the bottom row.

<b>Captain America: Civil War (New)</b> PG13, 8 p.m. <b>Barbershop: The Next Cut</b> PG13, 11 p.m.	<b>The Boss (New)</b> PG, 8 p.m. <b>The Miracle from Heaven</b> (LS) PG, 10 p.m.	<b>Batman V. Superman: Dawn of Justice</b> PG13, 8 p.m.	<b>Mother's Day</b> PG13, 8 p.m.	<b>Captain America: Civil War (New)</b> PG13, 8 p.m.	<b>The Divergent Series: Allegiant</b> (LS) PG13, 8 p.m.	<b>Captain America: Civil War (New)</b> PG13, 8 p.m.
5/6 FRIDAY	5/7 SATURDAY	5/8 SUNDAY	5/9 MONDAY	5/10 TUESDAY	5/11 WEDNESDAY	5/12 THURSDAY
<b>The Boss (New)</b> R, 8 p.m. <b>The Huntsman: Winter's War</b> PG13, 10 p.m.	<b>Captain America: Civil War (New)</b> PG13, 8 p.m. <b>The Jungle Book</b> PG, 11 p.m.	<b>The Divergent Series: Allegiant</b> (LS) PG13, 8 p.m.	<b>LYCEUM CLOSED</b>	<b>The Miracle from Heaven</b> (LS) PG, 8 p.m.	<b>LYCEUM CLOSED</b>	<b>Eye in the Sky</b> R, 8 p.m.

Call the Movie Hotline @ 4880 or visit the MWR Facebook for more info.

\*Concessions at Bulkeley are closed until further notice

Stay classy, GTMO! No alcohol or tobacco at the Lyceums.

\*Want to write a movie review for The Wire? Send your movie review to: [thewire@jtfgtmo.southcom.mil](mailto:thewire@jtfgtmo.southcom.mil)

## MOVIE REVIEW / MOTHER'S DAY



Mother's Day was your typical romantic comedy. It was a movie depicting the struggle of many types of mothers. Ultimately, it was just an average movie. Even with the all-star cast of Jennifer Aniston, Kate Hudson, Jason Sudeikis and Julia Roberts, it failed to meet my expectations as a romantic comedy.

Sandy (Jennifer Aniston), a single mother of two boys, is struggling to accept the fact that her ex-husband has moved on and married a much younger woman named Tina (Shay Mitchell). As the movie

progresses, she is able to overcome her insecurities and accept the fact that there is another woman and she may be a positive influence in her children's lives.

Sandy's friend and neighbor, Jesse (Kate Hudson), is struggling to tell her own mother about her marriage. After not speaking to her mother for years, she learns that her mother is now on Skype. After a brief video chat, Jesse's parents decide to surprise her. In turn, they find out that Jesse is not only married but has a little boy. Jesse's parents are not too fond of her spouse, but soon overcome their initial disdain for him and welcome him into the folds of their family.

Miranda (Julia Roberts), a big-time star, comes face-to-face with the daughter she gave up for adoption at a young age. Kristin (Britt Robertson), Miranda's daughter, struggles with her identity as a mother, in turn causing strife in her own relationship with the father of her child. The two women meet at a book signing, where Kristin receives resistance from Miranda's staff, who only has Miranda's best interest in mind. After some soul-searching, Miranda shows up on Kristin's door step, hoping to get to know her long-lost daughter. After a brief heart-to-heart, Miranda finds out that she is a grandmother to a little girl. In turn, Kristin is able to find closure and marries her long-term boyfriend.

Bradley (Jason Sudeikis) is a widower of a Marine lieutenant, who was killed in combat. He struggles to move on from the death of his wife, as he raises their two girls. He briefly meets Sandy at a grocery store, even though it was an awkward and uncomfortable meeting, predictably, a spark arises. He avoids her throughout the movie, until the end where they meet in the hospital after two separate accidents.

Mother's Day is predictable and boring at some points, but adorable and touching at others. The movie received 5/10 on imdb.com; I give it three banana rats out of five.

*Mother's Day is rated PG-13 for language and some suggestive material.*

Movie Review by

**ARMY SGT. CHELSEA R. GARCIA**





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## JTF DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

**Saturday June 4th @ Denich Gym**  
**0900 to 1200**

The JTF is having a dodgeball tournament. Get your team together and show you can dodge more than just wrenches. Volunteer opportunities available for referees.

Contact Commander Schofer for more information.

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And remember the 5 D's; Dodge, Duck, Dip, Dive and ... Dodge.



### BUS SCHEDULE 05:00 - 01:00

Camp America :00/:20/:40  
Gazebo :01/:18/:21/:38/:41/:58  
Camp America NEX :02/:17/:22/:37/:42/:57  
Camp Delta :04/:13/:24/:33/:44/:53  
Camp 6 :07/:10/:27/:30/:47/:50  
HQ Building :55/:15/:35  
TK 1 :01/:17/:21/:37/:41/:57  
TK 2 :02/:16/:22/:36/:42/:56  
TK 3 :03/:15/:23/:35/:43/:55  
TK 4 :04/:13/:24/:33/:44/:53  
CC :00/:19/:20/:39/:40/:59  
JAS :14/:34/:54  
Windjammer / Gym :02/:17/:22/:37/:42/:57  
Gold Hill Galley :04/:15/:24/:35/:44/:55  
NEX :06/:13/:26/:33/:46/:53  
NEX Laundry :07/:27/:47  
C Pool :10/:30/:50  
Downtown Lyceum :11/:31/:51

### EXPRESS BUS SCHEDULE 09:55 - 19:55

Camp America :48/:55  
TK 1 :05/:36  
Windjammer / Gym :11/:31  
Gold Hill Galley :14/:29  
NEX :16/:27  
Downtown Lyceum :17/:25

### BEACH BUS (Saturday & Sunday only)

Windward Loop / E. Caravella:  
0900/0930/1200/1230/1500/1530/1800/  
1830  
SBOQ / Marina:  
0905/0935/1205/1235/1505/1535/1805/  
1835  
NEX:  
0908/0925/1208/1225/1508/1525/1808/  
1825  
Phillips Park: 0914/1214/1514/1814  
Cable Beach: 0917/1217/1517/1817  
Return to Office: 0940/1240/1540/1840

### FERRY SCHEDULE

Monday - Saturday

#### FERRY

##### Windward:

0630/ 0730/ 0930/ 1030/ 1130/ 1330/ 1530/  
1630

##### Leeward:

0700/ 0800/ 1000/ 1100/ 1200/ 1400/ 1600

#### UTILITY BOAT

##### Windward:

1630/ 1730/ 1830/ 2030/ 2230/ 2330

##### Leeward:

1700/ 1800/ 1900/ 2100/ 2300/ 0000

Sunday & Holidays

#### FERRY

##### Windward:

0730 / 1330

##### Leeward:

0800 / 1400

#### UTILITY BOAT

##### Windward:

1030/ 1530/ 1730/ 1830/ 2030/ 2230

##### Leeward:

1100/ 1600/ 1800/ 1900/ 2100/ 2300



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